REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 10, 13-14, 21, 23-25 are pending in this application. As to the amendments to claims 1 and 10 to recite BTBAS, see, e.g., the original claims 3, 6, 9 (now canceled, without prejudice). Claims 2-3, 6, 9, 11-12, 15, 22 have been canceled without prejudice. The amendments are not because of any prior art and are strictly to advance prosecution, without prejudice to presentation of the broader subject matter in another application.

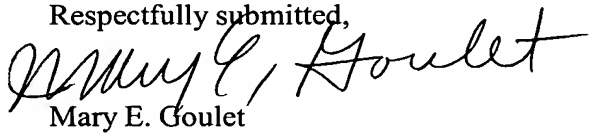
Applicants' independent claims 1 and 10 and dependent claims 4-5, 7-8, 13-14, 21 and 23-25 are now even more clearly distinguished from and not obvious over the cited reference, Chakravarti '772.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 10, 13-14, 21, 23-25 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees for the petition or for entry of this amendment to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0458 (IBM Fishkill).

Respectfully submitted,



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